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REPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 1/18/2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, please consider the following remarks. A Petition for Extension is attached.

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. No claims are presently allowed.

Interview Summary

On 01/07/2005, Examiner Kim telephoned Applicant's representative to discuss the scope of the recited claims. No amendments were proposed, and the Examiner stated that he would reconsider the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 21, and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Groves US 5,222,225.

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